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NEED FOR MORE INVESTMENT ON HEALTH CARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India needs urgently to invest more in health care, particularly in rural areas with a special focus on primary-care providers according to the latest report by various agencies like World Health Organization and International Advisory Panel of the National Rural Health Mission etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the effective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) the Government of India has implemented National Rural Health Mission(NRHM) throughout the country to provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable primary health care facilities especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population.

Recently International Advisory Panel of NRHM led by Prof. Jeffery Sachs reviewed the progress of NRHM, in which it was concluded that the NRHM is the most ambitious public health programme in the world and its success is crucial for replication in other parts of the world especially in the year of the 30th anniversary of the Alma Ata declaration "Health For All". Further, Hon'ble Union Health & family Welfare Minister has enumerated the measures already being undertaken by the Ministry/States in areas of content of ASHA training, providing pregnancy kit in ASHA drug kit, Trauma Centres, importance of mothers milk, replication of best practices, focus on nutritional issues by the ASHA and AWW, introduction of new vaccines, efforts towards quality immunisation through cold chains/AD syringes, legislation for setting up of Tobacco Regulatory Authority etc .